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A Resolution of Support for Marriage Equality

Whereas. marriage equality is a basic civil right, and; Whereas. marriage equality provides legal and economic protections including access to health care, parenting rights, and property rights, and; Whereas, marriage equality protects children and families, and; Whereas. the United States Supreme Court has said, "The freedom to marry has long been recognized as one of the vital personal rights essential to the orderly pursuit of happiness", and; Whereas. civil unions and domestic partnerships represent significant advances toward recognition of same-sex relationships, but they are not a substitute for full and equal marriage, and; Whereas marriage equality is about civil marriage, not religious marriage, and; Whereas marriage is a powerful and important affirmation of love and commitment, a source of social support and recognition, and the legal protections which are invaluable to the safety and security of every family: therefore Be it resolved that the Edmonds City Council fully supports Marriage Equality in the State of Washington, and: Be it further resolved that support of Marriage Equality be added to the Edmonds 2012 Legislative Agenda, and: Be it further resolved that this Resolution be sent to all of our State representatives. Passed, Approved, and Adopted this 23rd day of January, 2012. Strom Peterson, Council President Michael Plunkett, Councilman

Diane Buckshnis, Councilwoman